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Subject: | Serial No. 10/761,002 01/20/04 |  
Wen-Song Tseng et al.  
WET BENCH WAFER FLOATING DETECTION  
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U.S. Patent 6,033,475 to Hasebe et al., "Resist Processing Apparatus," describes a method of removing bubbles from a developing solution.

U.S. Patent 4,917,123 to McConnell et al., "Apparatus for Treating Wafers with Process Fluids," teaches that a rinsing fluid should be free from bubbles because bubbles trap particles.

U.S. Patent 6,312,597 to Mohindra et al., "Apparatus for Delivering Ultra-Low Particle Counts in Semiconductor Manufacturing," discloses that bubbles can trap particles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.B. Ackerman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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I hereby appoint Rosemary L.S. Pike, registration number 39,332, as my associate attorney in this case. Her telephone number is (765) 453-0866.

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Respectfully submitted,



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